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SUBJ: BHUTTO STATEMENTS ON AFGHANISTAN

REF: (A) KABSA 7984; (B) ISLAMABAD 10025

1. FOLLOWING UP CONVERSATION, DEPFONMIN ABDULLAH PROVIDED EMBASSY  
WITH COPIES OF CLIPPINGS FROM PAKISTAN TIMES DATED NOV 13, 14 AND  
15. DATE ON FOURTH ARTICLE IS BLURRED BUT IT IS EITHER NOV 15 OR  
16.

2. LATTER ARTICLE WRITTEN MY MURTAZA MALIK AND DATELINED JAMRUD  
NOV 15, UNDOUBTEDLY HAS DRAWN MUCH IRE OF AFGHANS. SPEAKING OF  
BHUTTO'S SPEECH, MALIK WRITES, "HE SAID THERE WERE ROCKS AND  
MOUNTAINS HERE, THERE WERE MORE OF THEM IN AFGHANISTAN WHICH ALSO  
HAD POVERTY WITH ITS PEOPLE LACKING THE ESSENTIALS OF LIFE SUCH  
AS DRINKING WATER, EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AND HOSPITALS. HAD THEY  
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HAD GOOD HOSPITALS, HASHIM MAIWANDWAL, THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER

OF AFGHANISTAN, WOULD NOT HAVE DIED OF ILLNESS IN JAIL, HE REMARKED. MR. BHUTTO OBSERVED THAT WHILE THERE WAS DEMOCRACY IN PAKISTAN WHERE THE GOVERNMENT WAS ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PEOPLE, THE CONDITIONS WERE ENTIRELY DIFFERENT IN THE NEIGHBORING COUNTRY. HERE THE PEOPLE COULD FREELY PUT QUESTIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT, BUT THERE A PERSON DOING SO COULD BE "BAKED LIKE NAN". FURTHER ON IN SAME EXCERPT UNDER HEAIND HIGHLIGHTS AND WRITTEN BY STAFF CORRESPONDENT, FOLLOWING APPEARS: "MR. BHUTTO SAID THAT THE FORMER AFGHAN PRIME MINISTER, MR. HASHIM MAIWANDWAL, WOULD NOT HAVE DIED IN JAIL FOR WANT OF MEDICAL AID HAD THERE BEEN SUFFICIENT FACILITIES IN THAT COUNTRY."

3. OTHER ARTICLES DO NOT CONTAIN SIMILAR REFERENCES BUT THEY SPEAK DEPRECATINGLY AND CONDESCENDINGLY ABOUT AFGHANISTAN AND WERE THEREFORE UNPALATABLE TO GOA. PAKISTAN TIMES ARTICLE OF NOV. 14 CARRIES SAME VERION OF REMARKS ON KORMER KING ZAHER SHAH AS IN REF B. THIS VERSION, HOWEVER, QUITE DIFFERENT FROM VERSION REPORTED RADIO PESHAWAR PUSHTUN SERVICE (REF A).

4. WHETHER AFP WAS QUOTING RADIO PAKISTAN OR RADIO PAKISTAN QUOTING AFP DOES NOT APPEAR PARTICULARLY GERMANE SINCE RADIO PAKISTAN (RAWALPINDI) REPORTEDLY QUOTED TEXT AS INDICATED REF A REGARDING "HOT BLOOD".

5. WE AGREE DIFFICULT DETERMINE AT THIS STAGE WHAT BHUTTO ACTUALLY SAID. AFGHANS ARE REACTING TO WHAT THEY READ IN PAKISTANI PRESS REGARDING WHAT BHUTTO SAID AND WHAT THEIR MONITORS HAVE QUOTED BEING SAID OVER PAKISTANI RADIO.  
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